

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:      Tin-Tack Peter Cheung, Steven A. Owen,  
Marvin M. Johnson and Mark E. Lashier

Prior Application: 33838US  
Examiner: T. Dang  
Group Art Unit: 1764

For:    HYDROCARBON UPGRADING PROCESS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) divisional application as follows:

On page 1, and each page thereafter, please change the attorney docket number from "33838US" to --- 33838US1 ---.

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following:

--- This application is a division of application Serial No. 09/410,516, filed September 30, 1999, now allowed ---.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-23.


**REMARKS**

In accordance with the above amendment all of the elected claims in the prior application which have now been allowed, have been cancelled and the non-elected claims are retained in this case.

The Examiner's attention is drawn to the various publications of record in the parent application.

Prompt review and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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